

St. James Lutheran Church

*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,
Fellowship, and Service."*

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF AUGUST 14

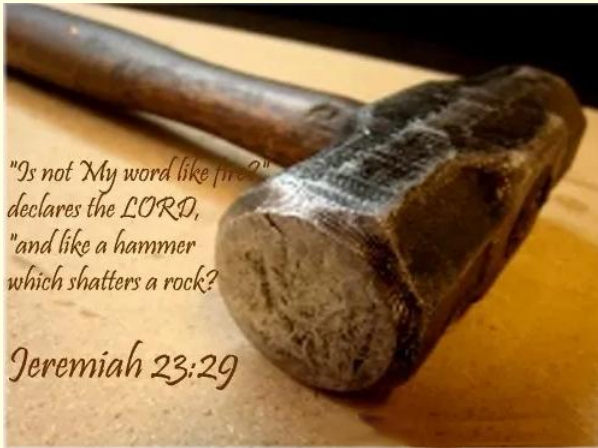
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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Saint James Lutheran Church

A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome!

St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER
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AUGUST 14, 2022
10:00 A.M.**

Introduction to Today's Worship

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St. James Lutheran Church Online



Sunday Worship for will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday morning. You can also watch a recorded version later by visiting our [YouTube page](#). You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

In-Person Indoor Worship will be Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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BULLETIN**](#)

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LIVESTREAM**](#)



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, August 14

9:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Monday, August 15

10:30 am Quilters Group

Sunday, August 21

9:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

14-Aug Mike Downs

14-Aug Bill Grady

14-Aug Ethan Wickliff

15-Aug Charlotte Davis

16-Aug Patty Propst

17-Aug Michael Bestler

18-Aug Helen Jones

18-Aug Sam Jones

19-Aug Jim Harris, Jr.

UPCOMING DATES:

Aug 28 Pastor Tony's
Farewell and Godspeed /
Luncheon

Sep 13 Lively Leisures

Sep 18 God's Work. Our
Hands.

Nov. 12 Rise Against
Hunger Meal Prep

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

CHURCH NEWS



HONOR AND CELEBRATE

*Together let's honor and celebrate the
Retirement of our Pastor*

Reverend Tony Bradshaw

Sunday, August 28, 2022

St. James Lutheran Church
Special worship service

Lunch Reception

11:30 am in the church fellowship hall

Please make reservations by:
Calling the church office 704-786-0166
Emailing to keith@sjnc.net
or online

[Register Online](#)

MUSIC AT ST. JAMES



Sing Ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously!
Exodus 15:21

Music at St. James

Concord, North Carolina

"Those who sing pray twice" spoke St. Augustine, great 5th Century Bishop.

The words of hymns are prayers and, when we sing them, we add to them a further dimension of honor and praise. Fifteen times the scriptures tell us to "sing to the Lord."

Music is an integral and vibrant aspect of our worship service at St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church. Our music program is lead by Cantor, Organist and Director of Music Mr. Scott F. Foppiano.

PARISH CHOIR

Membership is open to anyone in grade 7 (with parental commitment and support) through adult

Choir members are parishioners and community volunteers who generously contribute their time and talents to serve God by leading congregational singing through hymns, service music and anthems. They also offer choral anthems from a diverse range of traditional and sacred music. The St. James Parish Choir has a long-established, very fine reputation and legacy of musical excellence and leadership in our worship. The choir provides music at the 10 AM service each Sunday. The choir also sings at special, additional Holy Day Liturgies such as Christmas and during Holy Week.

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM in the choir room. Our Sunday warm-ups are at 9:15 AM. Our choir members sing together, pray together, and laugh together.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Membership is open to anyone in grade 6 (with parental commitment and support) through adult

A Handbell Choir is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of a church music ensemble. A beginner, with good instruction, can learn to play bells and have a gratifying musical experience in a relatively short period of time. At the same time, bells can offer the

challenge of learning a new instrument to the experienced musician. The ringers work together to achieve a common goal of excellence in the performance of church music. And, we have fun... just ask any of our ringers!

Rehearsals: **TBD** depending on member availability

TREBLE CHORISTERS

Membership is open to young singers in grades 3 through 8

The Treble Choristers are trained using the methods of the Royal School of Church Music, of which St. James is a proud and long-time affiliate. They learn solid, healthy vocal technique as well as music reading and theory skills, establishing a firm foundation for a lifetime of music making. The Choristers will sing once per month, as well as special services throughout the year. A vocal placement appointment with the Director of Music is requested prior to admission in the choir.

Rehearsals: **TBD** depending on the re-establishment of this choir

THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OF OUR CHOIRS INCLUDES:

1. A realistic commitment to the rehearsal and Sunday schedules (especially regarding youth) and
2. Basic music reading skills. All else can be learned along the way!

PRIVATE MUSICAL INSTRUCTION

Lessons in piano and/or organ are available through the Director of Music. Beginning piano students in grade 3 or above are welcome, as are beginning or returning adult students. Organ students are strongly encouraged to have piano experience and ability to read a musical score.

For further information about any of the musical programming above, or to join, please contact: Organist and Director of Music, Scott Foppiano, at 704-985-5591 text/cell or scottfop@gmail.com



Children's Church during worship will be on the first three Sundays of each month. It will be designed for children up to the second grade. We hope to expand to every Sunday as more volunteers are identified. Our youth director, Mike Holt, will be leading this ministry. Martha Matthews will be facilitator on the second Sunday of each month.

Summer Theme: The Lord's Prayer

August Children's Church

August 14

August 21

THIS PAST SUNDAY

	August 7	August Average
Stewardship	\$7,864.83	\$7,864. 83,
Attendance	108 In-Person 33 -Online	108 In-Person 33 -Online

JULY MEMORIALS

Linny Baker

Given by Ralph Barnhardt
 Given by Fuller and Jean Beasley
 Given by Joseph Beasley
 Given by Elizabeth Bell
 Given by Jeffrey and Sherry Bunten
 Given by Mark Ellis
 Given by Drs. Jeff and Linda Fink
 Given by Keith and Margaret Fink
 Given by William S. Fisher and Family
 Given by Don and Jo Ann Fowler
 Given by Margaret Garrison (Cemetery Fund)
 Given by Will and Ann Gillon
 Given by Rep. Ed Goodwin
 Given by Dan L. Gray
 Given by Kim Haberman
 Given by Rep. Bobby Hanig
 Given by Bill and Reggie Hardister



Given by Guy Holbrook
Given by Jerry and Nancy Hopkins
Given by Rep. Chris Humphrey
Given by Jim and Tricia Iglehart
Given by Pat Jackson and Family
Given by Jeremy and Golda Jay
Given by Rep. Jake Johnson
Given by Rep. Keith Kidwell
Given by Nick and Christine Lovelace
Given by Stacy Collins Lynch
Given by Rep. Jeff McNeely
Given by Susan Miller (Columbarium Fund)
Given by Jim and Laurie Miller
Given by Rep. Grey Mills
Given by Mark and Amy Murphy
Given by Gary and Susan Norris
Given by Lex, Laura, and John Patterson
Given by Al and Dee Pieschel
Given by Propst Family
Given by Rep. Jason Saine
Given by Jim and Jean Scarbrough
Given by E. Z. and Pat Smith
Given by Rep. Carson Smith
Given by Todd and Gretchen Walker
Given by Wayne and Libby Williams

Lee David Ballard

Given by Ed and Betsy Ballard

Dave Burke

Given by Bill and Reggie Hardister

Sandra Faggart

Given by Keith and Margaret Fink
Given by Lex, Laura and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)

Alex Patterson

Given by Keith and Margaret Fink
Given by Don and Jo Ann Fowler
Given by Jerry and Nancy Hopkins
Given by Richard Alan Smith (Scouts)
Given by Terry and Amy Splawn
Given by Wayne and Libby Williams

Cynthia Petrea

Given by Keith and Margaret Fink
Given by Lex, Laura and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)

David Smith

Given by Lex, Laura and John Patterson (Cemetery Fund)

JULY HONORARIUMS

St. James Parish Choir

Given by Ed and Betsy Ballard

Wanda Speagle

Given by Jeff and Deedee Gilbert



FAMILIES FIRST in CABARRUS COUNTY

I want to say, thank you St. James! Before you know it, together, we will have infused 1000 children together into the local schools with an enhanced experience, meaningfully read to learn. And more, since we home-visit weekly as early as 12-18 months before they enter preschool at 3 years old. These children, these families, have a much great chance to flourish than they may have ever dreamed.

I have heard from our St. James' alumni families, with kids in 2nd and 3rd grades now, doing so well, and they always give credit to having a beautiful, safe place around such loving people--as the life changer for them. They are genuinely grateful and tell me they love sharing their story at parent-teacher conferences as a primary factor why thier child is getting great reports.

With a warm heart,
Rev. Spencer Swain
Executive Director, Families First in Cabarrus County

SOCIAL MINISTRY

**GOD'S WORK. OUR
HANDS SUNDAY
September 18**

On Sunday September 18 let's

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 18
2022

gather after church for a lunch then proceed to our work sites for the God's Work Our Hands event that Sunday afternoon. After church, Volunteers will be served a bag lunch. Sign ups for various activities coming soon.



NIGHT SHELTER

St. James will be providing meals for the Salvation Army Shelter of Hope Sunday, September 18 - Saturday, September 24. The Salvation Army Night Shelter is located at 216 Patterson Ave SE, Concord.



Provide dinner for 25-28 adults. You will be advised if the number increases but no more than 30. (Please include a protein, vegetable, a starch and dessert) If you have any questions, contact Mark Murphy.

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

CCM FOOD PANTRY

In June, at the Crisis Center Food Pantry, we served



774 households, which are the same kinds of numbers we served during the lockdown late Spring 2020. Through our whole Food Program we served 1,364 households! We reopened the week of July 11 to record breaking numbers. For that week we served a record 294 households, including a record high of 82 on July 12. Fortunately, because of a lot of great church and neighborhood food drives, and the opportunity to purchase about 5 pallets of wholesale food from Second Harvest Food Bank, we have had sufficient food for all those folks!

Our new SmartChoice program at the Crisis Center enables our clients to order which non-perishables they want for their families, restoring the client-choice we had pre-Pandemic. They even can pre-order their food from home before coming to the pantry to pick up! Not only does this help to restore some client dignity, it also helps to reduce waste, as families will get the food they know they will eat and enjoy. One little side note though, **we are once again using a LOT of plastic grocery bags. So we welcome donations of those, as well as food!**

Currently, the pantry items we are in biggest need of are:

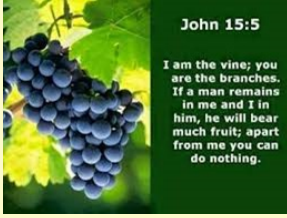
- Cereal
- Baked Beans
- Any kinds of canned vegetables, except corn (green beans, carrots, potatoes, mixed, peas)
- Dried Pinto Beans
- Canned Fruit (except fruit cocktail)
- Any kind of Canned Meats (except tuna!)
- Dried Pasta (except spaghetti)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Soup
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

As always, we especially seek low sodium items, no-added-sugar items, and whole grain items.

These items can be dropped off at the Portico Entrance during office hours.

CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY

WE ARE THE BRANCHES



John 15:5
I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Each week we will remember in prayer our brothers and sisters at one of our partner Lutheran churches in the NC Synod. Please lift them up in your prayers during the week also.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ~John 15:5

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YOUTH MINISTRY



UPCOMING DATES

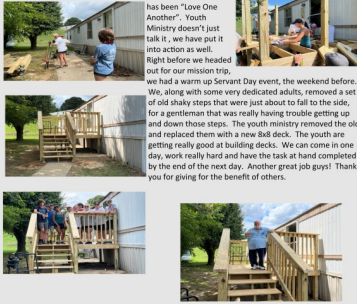
Youth Ice Cream Gathering August 21

YOUTH NEWS

AUGUST, 2022

A MINISTRY OF ST. JAMES AND CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE YOUTH MINISTRY HAS BEEN ON THE RUN!



YOUTH NEWS - AUGUST

Youth Ministry has been on the run.....

Read this Month's Newsletter

CHURCH RESOURCES

You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. In a few

short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.



Give Now

ST. JAMES STAFF

- **Rev. Tony Bradshaw**, Senior Pastor [Email](#)
- **Keith Sutton**, Parish Administrator [Email](#)
- **Jill Irvin**, Financial Administrator [Email](#)
- **Scott F. Foppiano**, Organist / Director of Music [Email](#)
- **Mike Holt**, Youth and Family [Email](#)
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